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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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March 4, 2003

AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the notice of February 26, 2003, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (twice amended) An isolated polynucleotide containing a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a polynucleotide having at least 50% similarity with a polynucleotide coding for a polypeptide having the function of transcription factor and having an amino acid sequence of sequence SEQ ID No: 3,
- (b) a complementary polynucleotide of polynucleotide a) and
- (c) a polynucleotide comprising at least 15 consecutive bases of the polynucleotide defined in (a) or (b).